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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 3, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Cold Storage.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0001.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, value and disposition. The monthly Cold Storage Survey provides information on national supplies of food in refrigerated storage facilities. A biennial survey of refrigerated warehouses is also conducted to provide a benchmark of the capacity available for refrigerated storage of the nation's food supply. The data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). This statute specifies "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain * * * by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists."

Need and Use of the Information: USDA agencies such as the World Agricultural Outlook Board, Economic Research Service, and Agricultural Marketing Service use information from the Cold Storage report in setting and administering government commodity programs and in supply and demand analysis. Included in the report are stocks of pork bellies, frozen orange juice concentrate, butter, and cheese which are traded on the Chicago Board of Trade. The timing and frequency of the surveys have evolved to meet the needs of producers, facilities, agribusinesses, and government agencies.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3,175.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 7,949.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Agricultural Prices.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0003.

Summary of Collection: Estimates of prices received by farmers and prices paid for production goods and services are needed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the following purposes: (a) To compute Parity Prices in accordance with

requirements of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended (Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301a, (b) to estimate value of production, inventory values, and cash receipts from farming, (c) to determine the level for farmer owned reserves, (d) to provide guidelines for Risk Management Agency price selection options, (e) to determine Federal disaster prices to be paid, and (f) to determine the grazing fee on Federal lands. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204.

Need and Use of the Information: The NASS price program computes annual U.S. weighted average prices received by farmers for wheat, barley, corn, oats, grain sorghum, rice, cotton, pulse crops, peanuts, and oilseeds based on monthly marketing. Prices estimates are used by many Government agencies as a general measure of commodity price changes, economic analysis relating to farm income and alternative marketing policies, and for disaster and insurance payments.

Description of Respondents: Farms; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 114,085.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; monthly; annually; biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 37,213.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Draft Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI and National Park Service, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Forest Service (FS), with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

and National Park Service (NPS) as cooperating agencies, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project and a Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment (DRMPA) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the FS must receive written comments on the DRMPA and DEIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The FS will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Tropic-to-Hatch Transmission Line by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/projects/tropic2hatch/index.shtml>.
- **E-mail:** tropic_to_hatch_transmission_line_EIS-comments@fs.fed.us (e-mail comments must be in MS Word [* .doc] or rich text format [* .rtf]).

- **Fax:** (435) 865-3791.

- **Mail:** Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

Copies of the Draft Garkane Energy Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line and Draft Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan Amendment are available at the above address or at the following BLM offices: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Headquarters, 190 E. Center Street, Kanab, UT; Kanab Field Office, 318 N 100 E, Kanab, UT; Utah State Office, 440 W 200 S, Salt Lake City, UT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project EIS Project Leader, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84720 or; Drew Parkin, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Project Coordinator, 190 E Center, Kanab, Utah 84741/phone (435) 826-5629.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed 138 kV transmission line would originate at a proposed East Valley Substation, located near Tropic, Utah and terminate at the existing Hatch Substation near Hatch, Utah, along U.S.

Route 89. There are four alternatives being considered, including interconnect options and identification of the Agency Preferred Alternative.

A plan amendment for the Grand Staircase/Escalante Monument Management Plan would be needed to implement Alternatives A or C because the proposal occurs in an area identified as a Primitive Management Zone and Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class II zone as described in the MMP. While the entire project involves lands administered by BLM, both the Kanab Field Office and GSENM, Dixie National Forest, Bryce Canyon National Park, and State and private lands, the resource management plan amendment area involves only a corridor on the Monument.

Issues that have been identified to date and are addressed in the DEIS include potential impacts to: Paleontological resources; soil resources; water resources; vegetation resources; wildlife resources; threatened, endangered and sensitive species; land uses; timber and rangeland resources; special designations (including Wilderness Study Areas, Non-WSA lands with wilderness character), recreation resources, visual resources, cultural resources, and socioeconomics.

Alternative A would extend 30.41 miles and cross 17.35 miles of United States Forest Service (USFS), 3.31 miles of Kanab Field Office (KFO), 3.68 miles of Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (GSENM), 4.23 miles of State, and 1.84 miles of private lands. Approximately 16.23 miles of an existing 69 kV line would be removed. This alternative would amend the GSENM Management Plan (2000) by designating a 100-foot wide Passage Zone corridor through an area currently designated as Primitive Zone in the Management Plan, and to change the existing VRM Class designation from Class II to Class III within this corridor.

Alternative B would extend 29.11 miles and cross 5.58 miles of USFS, 8.29 miles of KFO, 2.81 miles of National Park Service (NPS), 3.63 miles of State, and 8.80 miles of private lands. Approximately 21.57 miles of an existing 69 kV line would be removed. This alternative requires the building of an additional substation in Bryce Valley.

Alternative C would extend 29.78 miles and cross 13.58 miles of USFS, 3.43 miles of KFO, 3.68 miles of GSENM, 2.06 miles of State, and 7.03 miles of private lands. Approximately 16.23 miles of an existing 69 kV line would be removed. This alternative would also amend the GSENM

Management Plan (2000) by designating a 300-foot wide Passage Zone corridor through an area currently designated as Primitive Zone in the Management Plan, and to change the existing VRM Class designation from Class II to Class III within this corridor. The 300-foot Passage Zone corridor would encompass an existing Rocky Mountain Power/PacifiCorp 230 kV transmission line, and would allow for future upgrades if necessary.

Alternative D, the No Action Alternative is considered to be the continued operation of the existing 69 kV line and future circumstances that would occur without federal approval of Garkane Energy's proposal to construct and operate a 138 kV electric transmission line from Tropic to Hatch, Utah. Under the "no action" alternative, any or all of the federal agencies would decline to grant Garkane a right-of-way within the agency's respective jurisdiction.

Interconnect Route Options: The purpose of the interconnect route options is to provide flexibility to decision makers when selecting and approving a final alternative. The north-south interconnect option extends 1.84 miles across USFS and would connect a segment of Alternative A to a segment of Alternative C. The east-west interconnect option extends 3.70 miles across USFS and would connect a segment of Alternative C to a segment of Alternative A.

The Agency Preferred Alternative is Alternative C, but it incorporates components from the east-west interconnect option and Alternative A. The total length of the preferred route would be 29.41 miles. Approximately 16.23 miles of the existing 69 kV transmission line infrastructure would be removed. The Agency Preferred Alternative would also amend the GSENM Management Plan (2000) by designating a 300-foot wide Passage Zone corridor through an area currently designated as Primitive Zone in the Management Plan, and to change the existing VRM Class designation from Class II to Class III within this corridor.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, 40 CFR 1500–1508, and 36 CFR 220)

Dated: December 2, 2009.

Robert G. MacWhorter,

Forest Supervisor-Dixie National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to BARRON & BROTHERS INTERNATIONAL of CORNELIA, GEORGIA, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/494,490, “SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING POULTRY LITTER BELOW SOIL SURFACE”, filed on JUNE 30, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 7, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4–1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301–504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government’s patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as BARRON & BROTHERS INTERNATIONAL of CORNELIA, GEORGIA, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Ocean Recreational Expenditure Survey

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 8, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Rosemary Kosaka, (831) 420–3988 or Rosemary.Kosaka@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) plans to collect data to estimate expenditures on recreational activities in the U.S. that interact with marine resources falling within the scope of NMFS’ public trust responsibilities. These activities may include but are not limited to: Wildlife watching (for example, whales or dolphins) from a boat or from shore; kayaking or canoeing in fish habitat areas such as estuaries and sloughs; and snorkeling or scuba diving on fish aggregating devices such as ship wrecks. The survey will help enhance NMFS’ understanding of the economic implications of its public trust responsibilities as they relate to non-fishing recreational activities. The data collected may also provide information useful for the purposes of marine spatial planning. Measures of economic performance that may be supported by this data collection include the following: (1) Contribution to net national benefit; and (2) contribution to regional economic impacts (income and employment).

II. Method of Collection

A survey screener will be used to identify possible respondents who will then be asked to complete a voluntary Web-based survey questionnaire on a monthly basis for three or more months.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes survey screener; 15–30 minutes monthly survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20,000–35,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 2, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Honolulu Police Department - SIS, et al., Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80